

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 21, 24, and 29 are amended and claims 2, 8-12, 15-20, 25-28, 30, and 32-36 are canceled. Claims 1, 3-7, 13, 14, 21-24, 29, and 31 are now pending in this application.

#### **Claim Objections**

The Office Action objected that the numbering of claims was not in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.126 which requires numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. Claim 35 (2nd occurrence) was objected to as being incorrectly numbered. Applicant has cancelled the misnumbered claim.

#### **§102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 8-12, 15, 19, 21-23, 26, 27 and 32-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Scholle et al. (U.S. 4,417,607). Claims 8-12, 15, 19, 26, 27, and 32-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 21 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 25. Claims 22 and 23 depend therefrom.

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Goodrich et al. (U.S. 3,638,834). Claims 15-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 15 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Weinreich et al. (U.S. 3,112,047). Claims 15 and 18-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

*§103 Rejection of the Claims*

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-11, 15-17, 19, 21-23, 26-29 and 31-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodrich et al. (U.S. 3,638,834) in view of Scholle et al. (U.S. 4,417,607). Claims 8-11, 15-17, 19, 26-28, and 32-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 2. Claims 5 and 6 depend therefrom.

Claim 21 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 25. Claims 22 and 23 depend therefrom.

Claim 29 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 30. Claim 31 depends therefrom.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 4, 7, 13 and 14 were allowed.

Claims 2, 3, 24, 25 and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of claim 2 has been added to parent claim 1, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claim 25 has been added to parent claim 21, and claim 25 has been cancelled. The subject matter of claim 30 has been added to parent claim 29, and claim 30 has been cancelled.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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